



EAA Chapter 866 Smilin Jack Newsletter – May 12

President's Notes May 2012

Sure has been windy this month. I've been pretty busy working on projects around the house and haven't flown nearly enough. I've been working on a plans-built car project since the Model A was completed. Some of you may have seen the frame while it was stored in my hangar for the past year. Building a car from plans is in some ways more difficult than an airplane, since my plans only show the frame, and no details on how to install all the other items like brake hydraulics, engine mounts, suspension mounts, etc. The thought process is the same, and involves a few hours of working on the project, a few days thinking of how to solve problems, followed by a few hours of building...



I'll continue to give you updates during our "project reports" at the meeting.

At one of the pancake breakfasts last year a man came up to me and donated a headset to the chapter. It had belonged to his wife, who had recently passed away. Its an older David Clarke H10-30. I just put it in one of the filing cabinets and forgot about it. Last month I broke my headset and am shopping for a new one. The donated headset seems to work OK, but needs new ear cushions. I thought I'd see if anyone else in the chapter is interested in this headset and ask what you think would be an appropriate donation. I'll have it at the meeting to show around.

Don't forget our meeting Wednesday May 2, and our Pancake Breakfast on May 5. Hope to see you there.

Ben



April Meeting

There were thirty people in attendance at the April meeting. We had the privilege of hearing Mr. Michael Powell speak about the exciting future of our airports under the authority of TICO. We're very fortunate to have such great management of our airports. Mr. Powell spoke of the plans for new industry at Space Coast Regional and the expansion of the Bristow helicopter school there. He spoke of some of the problems getting things to move as fast as they need to in order to get new construction started to accommodate interested businesses.

April Breakfast

Don't know how many we served on April 7 breakfast but it seemed like well over 100. Very windy day and we had quite a few show up in their airplanes. Harry Teal brought his beautiful newly built Soneri in. This was the first time he flew it away from his home airport at Deland. Harry was accompanied by Jim Brewer flying his beautiful KR 2.Loretta and I were talking about the good quality help we have doing this monthly breakfast. The event seems to run like a well oiled machine now. Great quality of membership we have in the Smilin Jack chapter 866 of EAA!



Harry Teal and his new liquid cooled VW powered Soneri. Ain't she a beaut?

Two 866 chapter airplane builders achieve certification



(above) Bob Rychel taxi tests his beautiful Zodiac XL650 (Little Bit)



Jeff Wilde showed up at Dunn with his beautiful RV12. He told us that the paint scheme is Hyundai Sonata inspired

Three aircraft showed up at Dunn early Sat. am April 28. Jeff Wilde who was excited to show off his gorgeous RV 12, Joe P. flew his nice Gyrocopter in, and Dan Shaw brought his Piper Cub over. Jeff said that this was only the second time he has flown the RV and the first time to land on pavement with it. He described how he decided on the beautiful paint scheme which is a metallic gray and trimmed in chrome striping. This was as a result of seeing a like scheme on a Hyundai Sonata. He tried to point out the flaws in the paint job to us. Guess what, he's the only one who can find them! Dan told him not to try and point out flaws because unless you point them out no one will see these. He's right! After a time in our hangar with coffee and Loretta's banana bread, they mounted up and headed back to Southerland airstrip where they are based



Departing Dunn Jeff & RV



Departing Dunn Joe and Gyro

Jeff regularly attends our chapter meetings and Dan and Joe said they'd be at our next meeting also.

THAT'S NOT MY JOB
 This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.



This

"That's Not My Job" article was submitted by member Ray Thomas. He provided me this wallet worn article that he'd cut out of a newspaper long ago. Good one, I think.

Little Bit

Bob Rychel has gotten his Zodiac 650XL certified and will soon be flying the time off (40hrs) Bob has been taxiing her around and tweaking this and that to be sure its good to go. He has had me riding with him while taxi testing. It seems to be ready! He calls the plane Little Bit for sentimental reasons that only he can explain.



Bob taxis "Little Bit" for a little bit.



Smilin Jack Chapter 866 member Kimberly Brennan works the GAP at Sun n Fun (General Aviation Parking)

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Chapter Meeting
Weds. May 2, 7:00 pm
Dunn Airpark Bldg. 10
Titusville, Fl

Monthly Breakfast
Sat. May 5, 8:00 – 10:00
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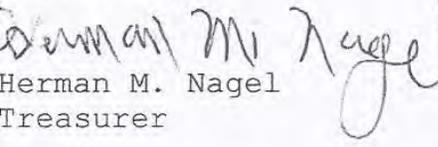
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Ryan Farrington
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Dear Ryan,

The enclosed scholarship check is for your trip to Oshkosh. We will be eager to watch your presentation. Have fun!

Sincerely,


Herman M. Nagel
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